solely depend upon rainfed agriculture; if so, the details of the provision made for storage tanks for community facility and live-stocks for the benefit of SC/ST?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extent of irrigation in the NES Blocks, i.e., less than 30 per cent of cultivated area served by assured means of irrigation, is the criterion for inclusion of the Blocks in the project.

(c) Within the identified Block? specific provision has been made that group of villages having preponderance of small ad marginal farmers, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes *should* get priority in selection of the Micro Watershed for the project.

(d) Micro watersheds have been selected in the blocks located in predominantly rainfed taluks of Perambur and Ariyalur in Tiruchirapalli District of Tamil Nadu. Fifty per cent of the project cost has been earmarked for development of common property resources and treatment of drainage lines on which a series of small storage structures are provided in the project design for multiple uses by the Watershed Community.

Package of **Benefits** to Farmers

*36. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to announce a package of benefits to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; *and*

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in thi$_s$ regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND **TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL)**:

(a) and (b) The Government is for mulating a comprehensive Agricul tural Policy to bring about an acce lerated pace of development in agri culture and allied activities, and to ensure that the benefits from such development reach all sections of rural society.

(c) Efforts are being made to fina-lisa the policy as early as possible.

Suspension/Termination of trains to Avodhya on the occasion of 'Karseva'

*37. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passenger/goods trains suspended or terminated at their intermediate journeys, in the context of preventing traffic to Ayodhya on the occasion of Karseva there on the 30th October, 1990;

(b) the number of days of suspension/termination in each case;

(c) the overall total loss to the Railways as a result thereof; and

(d) the reasons for which the passenger trains could not be terminated at the predeclared stations so that passengers would not have embarked and got harassed by the unexpected mid-way termination of the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) 84 pairs of trais.

(b) It varied from one day to seventeen days.

(c) While it is not possible to quantify the losses precisely, they are estimated to be approximately Rs. 25 crores.

(d) To the extent cancellation or termination short of destination could